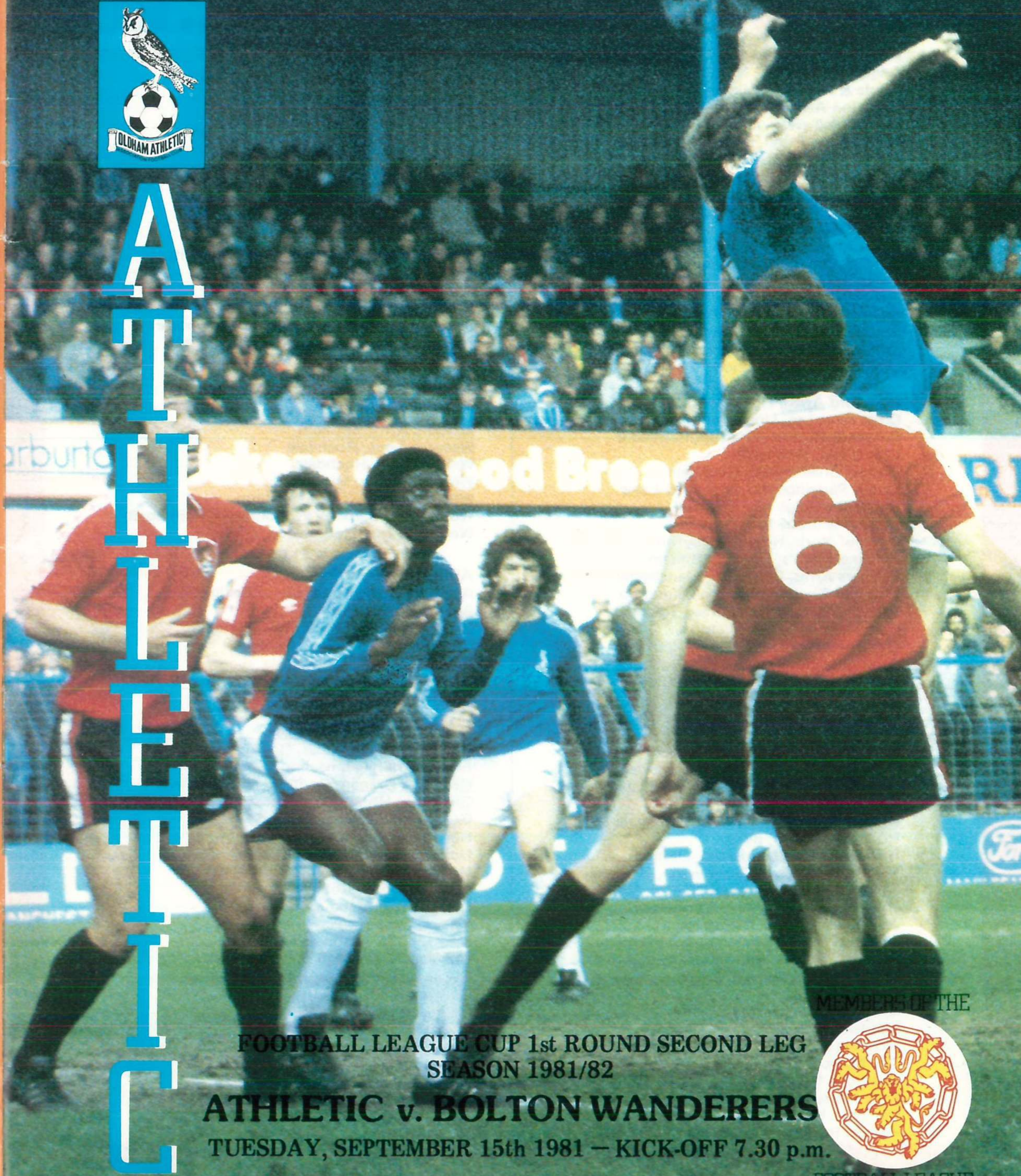


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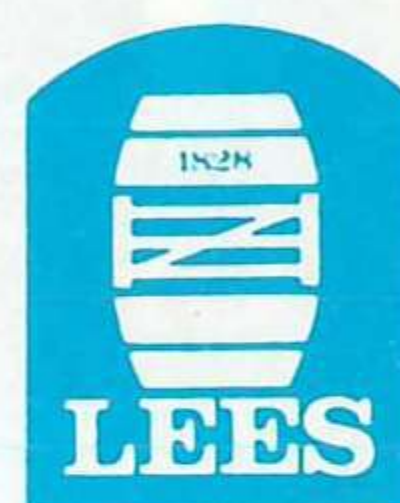
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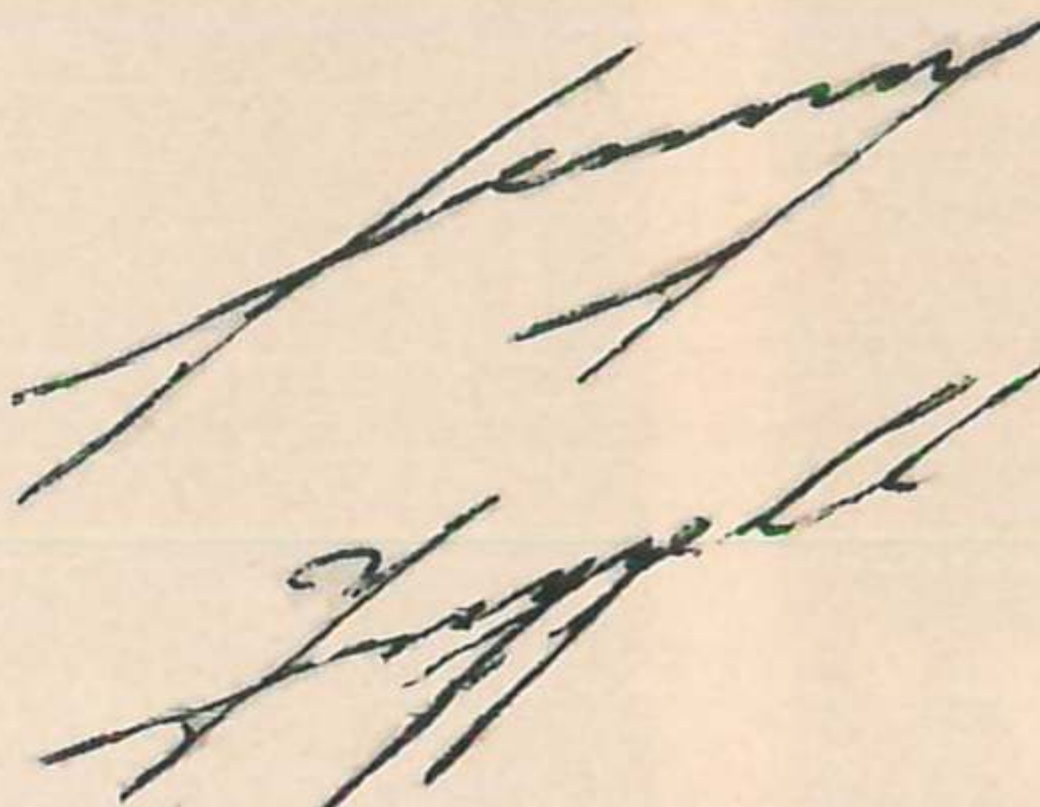
Welcome to tonight's game here at Boundary Park against neighbours Bolton Wanderers in the 2nd leg of the Football League Cup First Round.

We travelled to Burnden Park two weeks ago when I thought we were very unlucky to come away on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline. I thought we dominated the game for long periods and deserved to win the game on the number of chances and the style of attacking football we produced. However, all is not lost as we have the opportunity tonight to cancel out that one goal deficit and win the tie overall and progress into the second round.

This of course is where the mathematicians amongst you will come into their own, because if the aggregate scores are level after ninety minutes, there will be extra time, then after extra time if the scores are still level away goals count double, if this still does not separate the teams then a sudden death penalty decider will take place.

Basically speaking for us to get through to the next round we have to win either 1-0 or if Bolton score, win by two clear goals and I feel sure that task is not beyond us.

One encouraging aspect about our visit to Burnden Park was the 600 or so supporters who travelled to the game and gave us some good vocal support, I feel the players respond to this type of encouragement and the more vocal support you can give the lads tonight, the better, for that support alone can be worth a one goal lead. It would also be



nice to think that the 600 who made it to the game two weeks ago will also be able to turn up this coming Saturday when we of course travel to Burnden Park once again to play Bolton Wanderers in the Football League.

Whilst not wanting to name names I would just like to give credit to some of the younger players who have come into the side during the first few games of the season and have given 100 per cent and certainly not let the side down. People's fears about the strength of the squad in depth were put to the test when after the first match, we had lost Nick Sinclair with a badly gashed leg at half-time, Kenny Clements was struggling with a thigh strain for most of the second half and Steve Edwards badly twisted his ankle halfway through the second half. This meant travelling to Bolton on the Tuesday minus three first choice players yet we still managed to put up such a worthy performance.

Therefore, providing we don't get too many injuries at any one time I'm sure given the right encouragement the youngsters will continue to do a good job for us.

I hope we will see an open attractive and attacking game of football tonight and look forward to seeing you all again in a weeks time when we entertain Queens Park Rangers, along with Simon Stainrod in the Football League. I am sure we will all give him a warm welcome.

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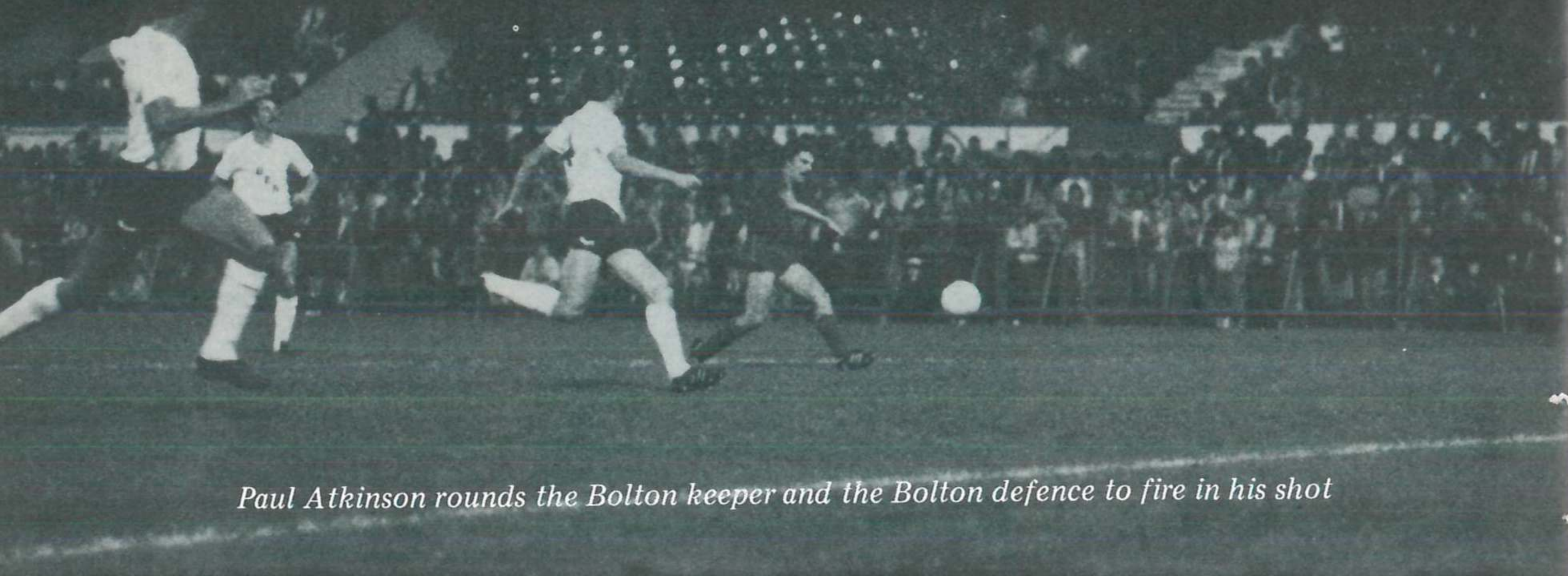
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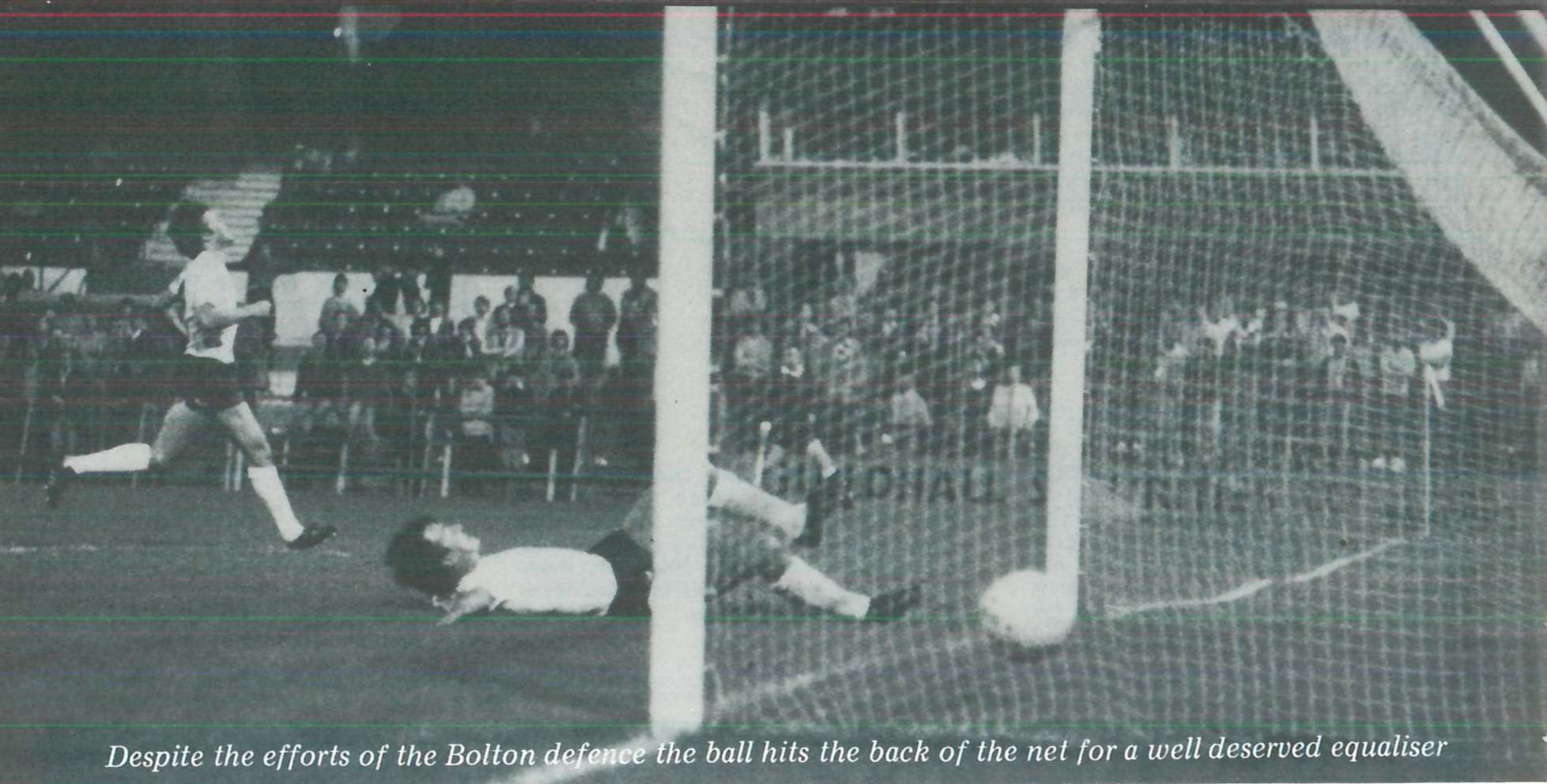
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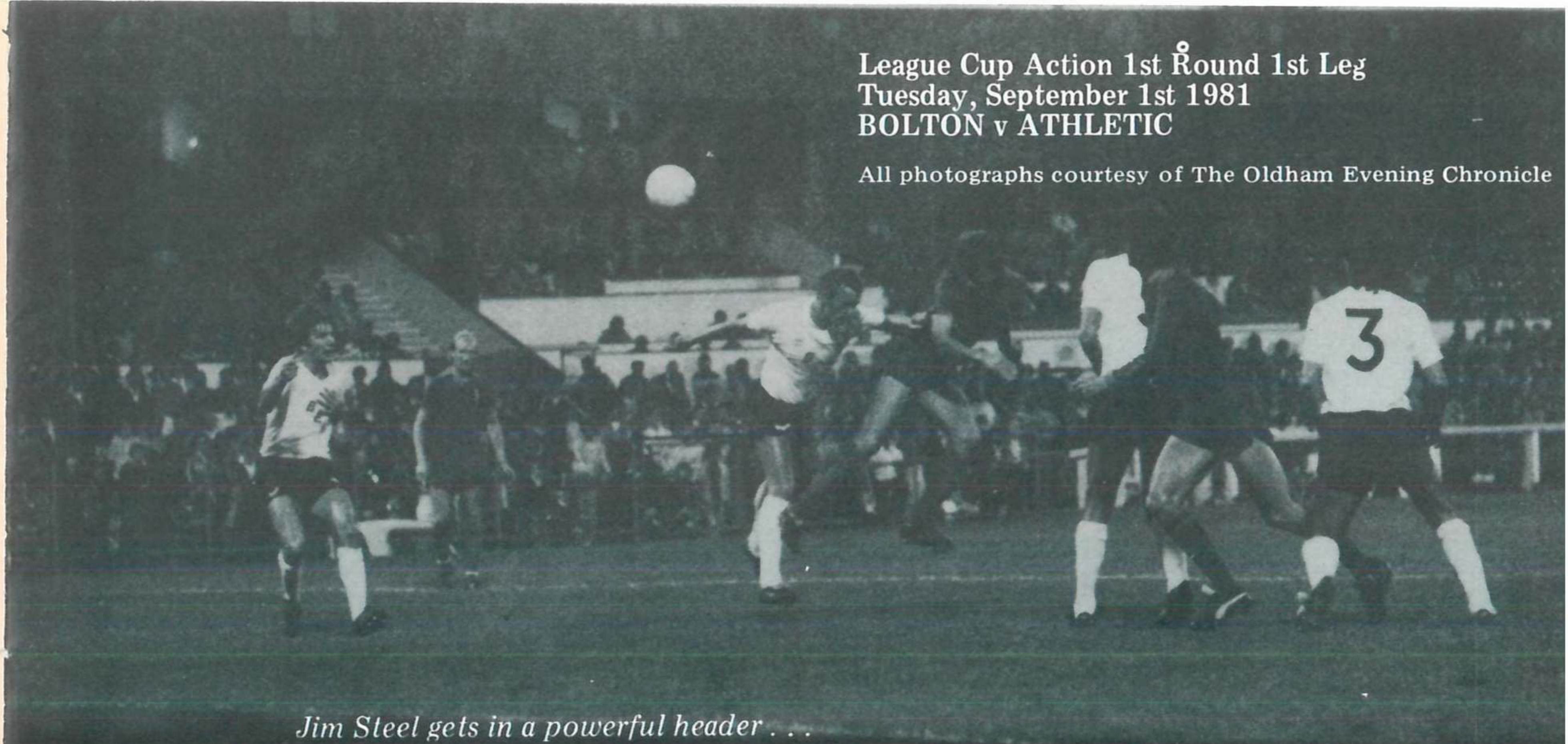
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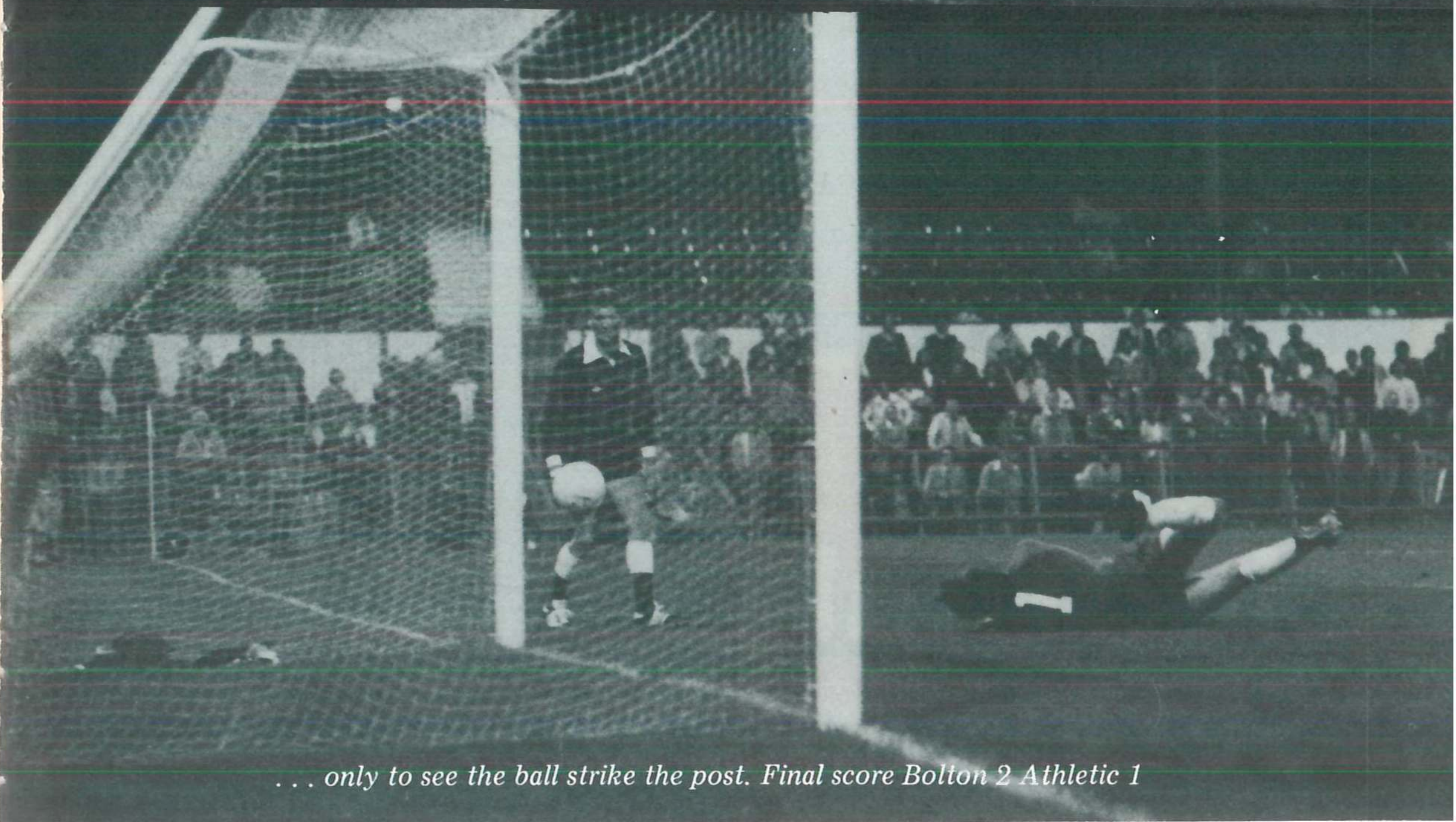
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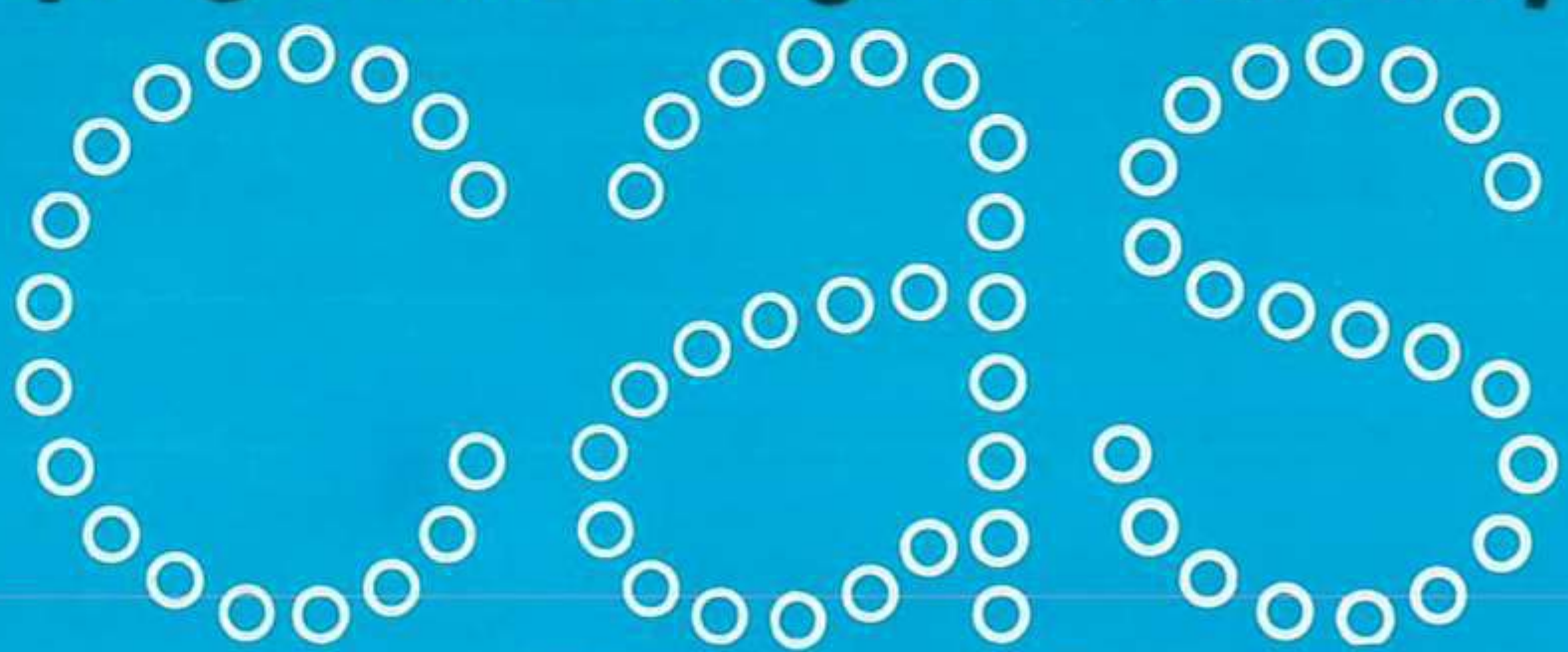


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1914/15 Season
ATHLETIC v BOLTON WANDERERS
SEVEN GOALS IN 27 MINUTES OF
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CHARLIE ROBERTS, Athletic's Captain

There had been grumbling among Athletic's supporters regarding the lack of goals in matches at Boundary Park – this game provided a glut of goals sufficient to satisfy the most demanding spectator, and fluctuated in a remarkable manner. Three times Athletic took the lead only to lose it after a few minutes more play. The first goal was scored after 2 minutes, the last after 37 minutes of the first half. Athletic's forwards made some sweeping movements, and the repeated equalising by the visitors only inspired them to greater efforts. Charlie Roberts won the toss for Athletic, who took their early lead when Wilson fired home through a crowded goalmouth after a corner by Tummon. Bolton equalised seconds later, Vizard slipping past Moffat and sending a shot wide of Matthews who had dashed out to clear. After 7 minutes Athletic went ahead again, Donnachie tricking Baverstock, and scoring with a great cross shot past Edmundson. 5 minutes later a second equaliser for Bolton came from the boot of Smith after Donaldson had hit a post. The game continued to see-saw in a remarkable fashion, after 15 minutes Athletic restored a fragile lead with the best goal of the match, a diving header by Arthur Gee from a low cross by Tummon, the scorer finishing tangled in the netting for several minutes after his success. 6 minutes later ex Latic's man Jimmy Fay equalised for the Wanderers following a mix-up by Athletic's defence but their joy was short lived as Kemp and Gee scored further goals to give Athletic a great start to the War ravaged 1914/15 season.

Final Score: ATHLETIC 5, BOLTON WANDERERS 3
Approx. attendance 10,500.

Athletic: Matthews, Hodson, Moffat, Dixon, Roberts, Wilson, Tummon, Kemp, Gee, Walters, Donnachie.

Bolton: Edmundson, Baverstock, Feebary, Glendenning, Fay, Jennings, Donaldson, Jones, Lillycrop, Smith, Vizard.

Athletic came nearer this season to winning the First Division Championship than at any other time in their history, and will certainly never have a better chance. The last two League matches were played at Boundary Park, and both were lost. This left Everton champions on 46 points, and Athletic runners-up on 45 points. Bolton Wanderers finished in 17th place on 30 points.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

H. WILDE, Chairman



The New Sports Hall Leisure Centre and additional Lounge to the present Boundary Social Club is nearing completion and it is expected that the complex will be opened by mid November. The Sports Hall will be open every day and used in the mornings on most days of the week by the playing staff for alternative training spells. This will not however preclude the use of the Hall during the day times for other functions such as conferences, exhibitions and competitive indoor sports and games.

In the evenings certain periods will be set aside for five-a-side football competitions and in this respect we have already received a firm enquiry from J.W. Lees & Co., (Brewers) Ltd., who are in the process of forming three or four divisional leagues for five-a-side football to cover the period November to May each year. We understand that almost 100 teams have already applied to the Brewery from their licensed premises and some clubs!

Other enquiries have been received for badminton and netball sessions and these will be accommodated so as to give a wide range of sport to satisfy all interests. At present we are interviewing applicants for the position of manager for the whole Sports centre and when appointed a scheme will be implemented to get the widest possible use of the whole complex. The Boundary Social Club Reception Room has become a popular venue for wedding parties and other receptions and in fact Friday and Saturday evenings are booked solidly until after New Year. In addition we have already some 32 bookings for 1982 covering dates even as far ahead as November which is evidence of the popularity of the room and facilities. Additionally weekly dances are held on Wednesdays and Sundays and on most Monday evenings the club is used by the Eric Holt School of Dancing.

It can therefore be seen that Boundary Park will become a very attractive centre and eventually outdoor facilities will be added to implement the Sports Hall to further encourage youngsters to come along for training and who knows perhaps some will make the grade for professional football.

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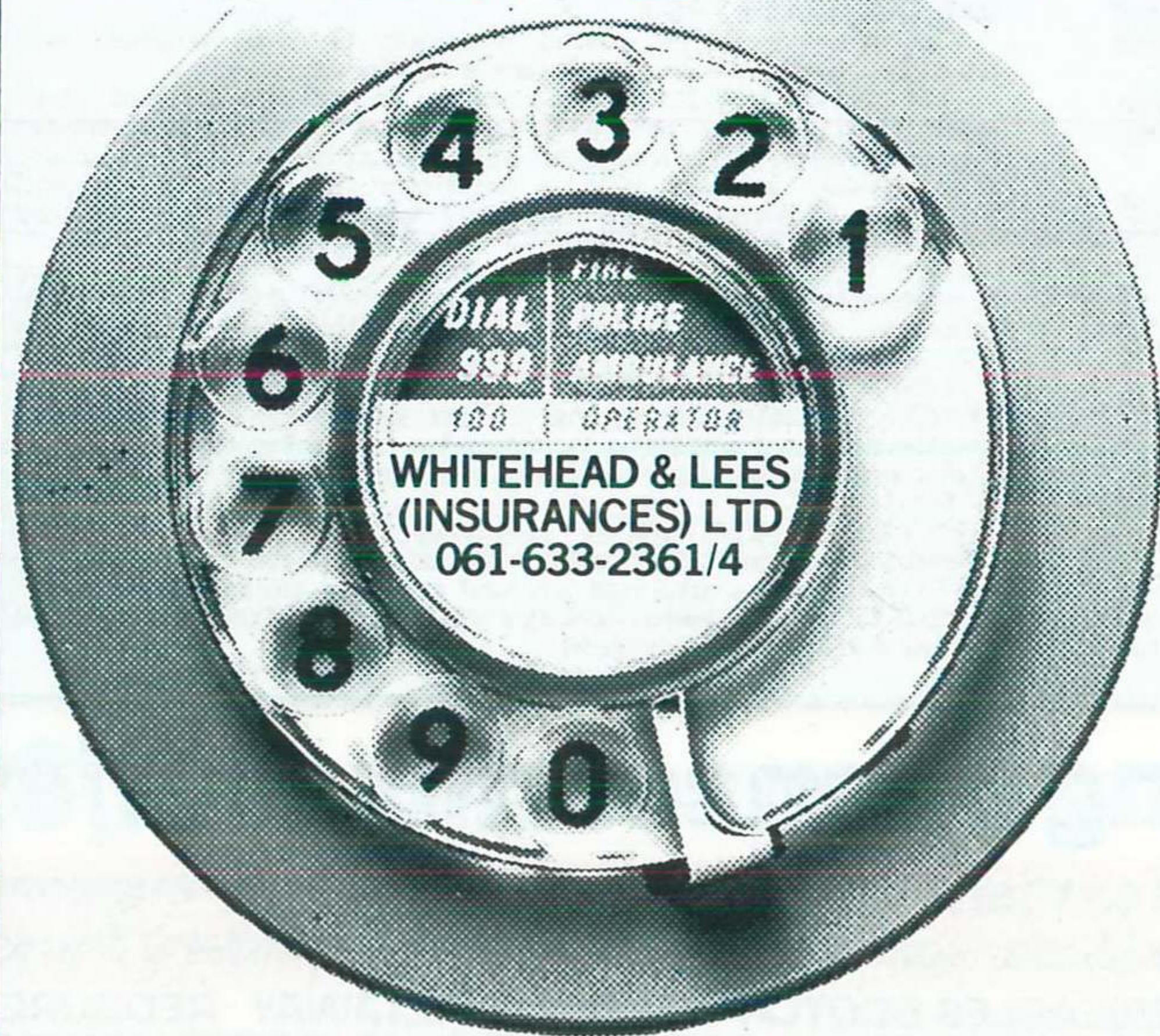
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Back Row (left to right): Mike Bennett, David Kay, Barry Taylor, Wayne Foster, Brian Atherton, John Thomas, David Hoggan. **Middle Row:** Charlie Wright (Coach), Peter Nightingale (Physio), Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Peter Nicholson, Dennis Peacock, Simon Farnworth, Jim McDonagh, Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Ian Brennan, George Mulhall (Manager), Walter Joyce (Coach). **Front Row:** Dusan Nikolic, Mike Carter, Alan Gowling, Len Cantello, Neil Whatmore (now Birmingham City), Peter Reid.

Tonight we welcome to Boundary Park, Lancashire neighbours Bolton Wanderers who were one of the founder members of the Football League, originally known as Christ Church when they were formed in 1874. In 1877 their present name was adopted and was a name which was to become one of the best known in English football.

The Wanderers moved to their current home at Burnden Park in 1895 after spells at Park Recreation Ground, Cockles Field and Pikes Lane.

They won the first F.A. Cup Final to be played at Wembley Stadium in 1923 when an estimated 200,000 packed the Empire Stadium to overflowing. They dominated the competition in the twenties, going on to lift the Cup in 1926 and 1929 but they then had to wait until 1958 for their next major honour when the legendary Nat Lofthouse led them to F.A. Cup glory when they beat the Munich-ravaged Manchester United side. They won the Second Division Championship in 1908-9 and 1977-78 and Third Division title in 1972-3.

After being relegated to the Second Division several times in their early days they enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911-1933.

From 1935 to 1964 the Wanderers remained in the First Division and in 1970-71 they dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history. Two years

later they were promoted as champions.

They won promotion to the First Division at the end of the 1977-78 season, champions, after twice finishing in third place in the Second Division. Were relegated to the 2nd Division in 1980.

The players from which manager George Mulhall will be able to choose his team are as follows:

JIM McDONAGH (Goalkeeper) — In his second spell with Bolton. Jim rejoined Wanderers during the summer from Everton after a season at Goodison Park. The former Rotherham keeper was a member of Bolton's Second Division Championship winning side in 1978. Republic of Ireland International.

DENNIS PEACOCK (goalkeeper) — Joined the Wanderers from Doncaster in March 1980. Born in Lincoln. He had a spell with Nottingham Forest. At 6ft. 3ins. is one of the tallest keepers in the League.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender) — Signed from Distillery at the beginning of last season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender.

PETER NICHOLSON (Defender) — Signed for the Wanderers from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and has proved to be a fantastic bargain. A utility player who always gives a hundred percent in either defence or midfield.

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PAUL JONES (Defender) — Paul is a tall, quick-tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals. Can also play at full back with distinction.

PETER REID (Midfield) — Joined Bolton from school on Merseyside. Was a regular member of the England Under-21 side which he also skippered. A very talented player who had the misfortune to sustain a severe knee injury which put him out of action for the second half of season 1978-79 and the first half of the 1979-80 season, but recovered to win back a regular place.

LEN CANTELLO (Midfield) — Len cost the Wanderers a record £350,000 fee when he signed from West Bromwich Albion in June 1979. He is the sort of midfield player who delights in stamping his authority on a game. Always looking for a chance to attack he is an exciting player with an eye for seeing an unexpected opening.

DUSAN NIKOLIC (Midfield) — Signed from Red Star Belgrade in September 1980 to strengthen the midfield. Yugoslavian born, has represented his country at Senior International level on four occasions and also has eleven Under-23 Caps and 24 Youth International Caps. Played for Red Star in European competitions every season since 1970.

BRIAN KIDD (Striker) — Brian was a member of Manchester United's European Cup winning team in 1968 and he was later Capped twice by England. He moved on to Arsenal for £110,000 in 1974 but two years later he returned to Manchester to join the City Club for £100,000. After two seasons at Maine Road he joined Everton for £150,000 and became the Club's top scorer. He joined Bolton for £150,000 in May 1980.

ALAN GOWLING (Striker) — Signed for £120,000 fee from Newcastle United three seasons ago after four years at St. James' Park. Started his career with Manchester United and then moved to Huddersfield. Has won tremendous respect both on and off the field and is a leading light in the Professional Footballers Association of which he is the current Chairman.

JOHN THOMAS (Striker) — A speedy striker, John was given his chance in League Football when he joined Everton. Signed for the Wanderers on a free transfer in June, 1980 on the recommendation of his former teammate Brian Kidd.

CHRIS THOMPSON (Striker) — A speedy attacker with plenty of skill, Chris joined the Wanderers from school. He became an apprentice and then went on to sign full professional forms in July 1977. Has represented England at Youth level.

MIKE CARTER (Forward) — A highly talented striker with an ability to score spectacular goals. Mike had a spell on loan with Mansfield in the 1978-79 season making 18 League appearances and scoring four goals. He made his League debut for Wanderers against Bristol City in December 1979 and scored his first League goal later that month in the dying seconds to snatch a home point against Everton at Burnden Park after coming on as substitute.

MIKE BENNETT (Defender) — A member of the successful England Youth squad which won the 1980 European Youth Championships in East Germany, Mick is one of the most promising youngsters in the game. Has played at full-back and in midfield. Bolton born, he joined the Wanderers as a schoolboy.

DAVID HOGGAN (Midfield) — Joined Bolton from Tynecastle Boys Club, Edinburgh as an apprentice in November 1977 and signed full professional forms in August 1979. Made his League debut in the First Division at Bristol City in April 1980. Won International recognition with the Scottish Under-21's squad last season.

IAN BRENNAN (Defender) — Cost Bolton Wanderers a bargain £25,000 when he signed from Lancashire neighbours Burnley last season. A cultured left-back who can also play in midfield or in the centre of defence. Ian made more than 190 League appearances for the Turf Moor Club before joining the Wanderers.

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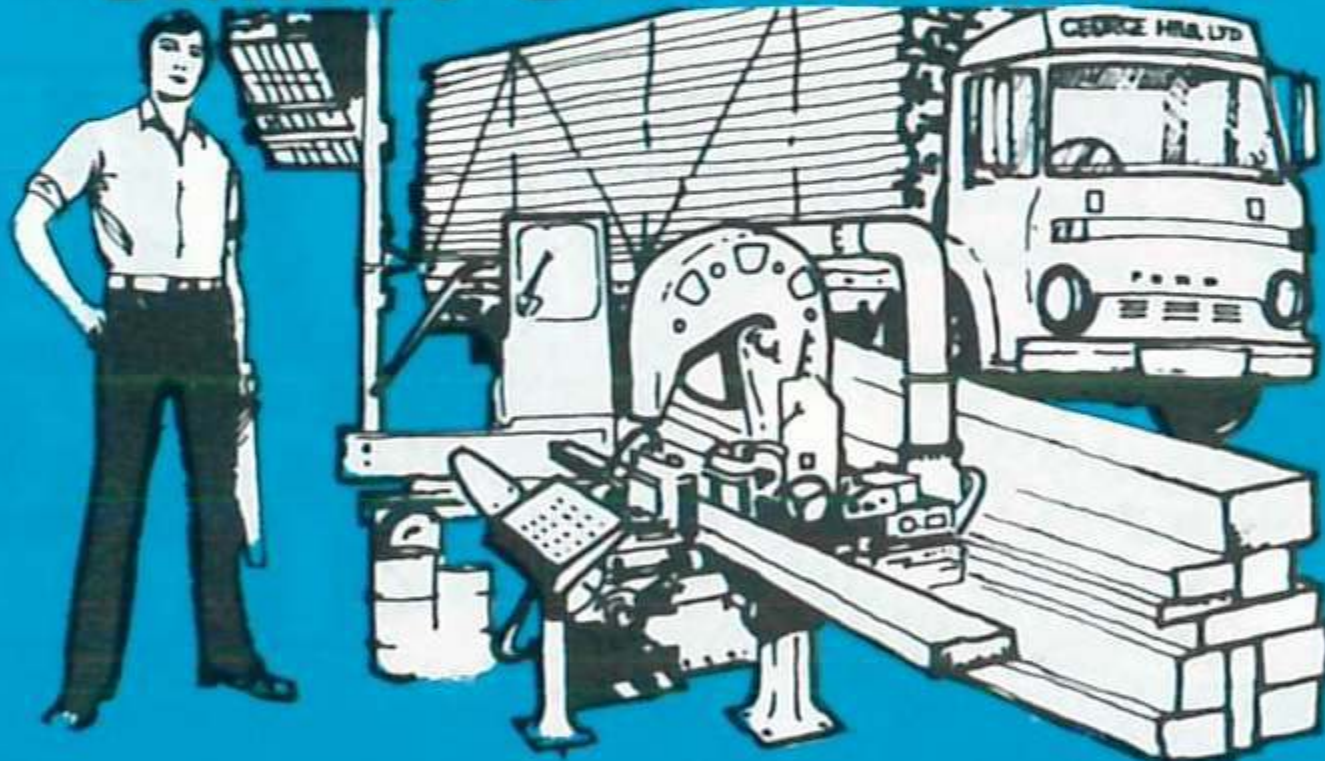
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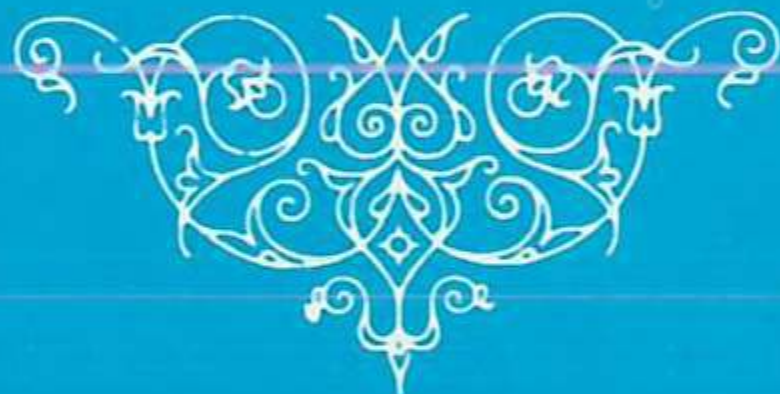


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PAUL FUTCHER

Paul who started his playing career at Chester before moving on to Luton and then Manchester City. Signed for Athletic in July 1980 for a £150,000 fee, just one year after we had tried to sign him in a double deal with Kenny Clements.

Paul has played eleven times for the England Under-21 side, and at only 24 has a great future here at Boundary Park, and there is no reason his ambition to gain full International recognition cannot be achieved.

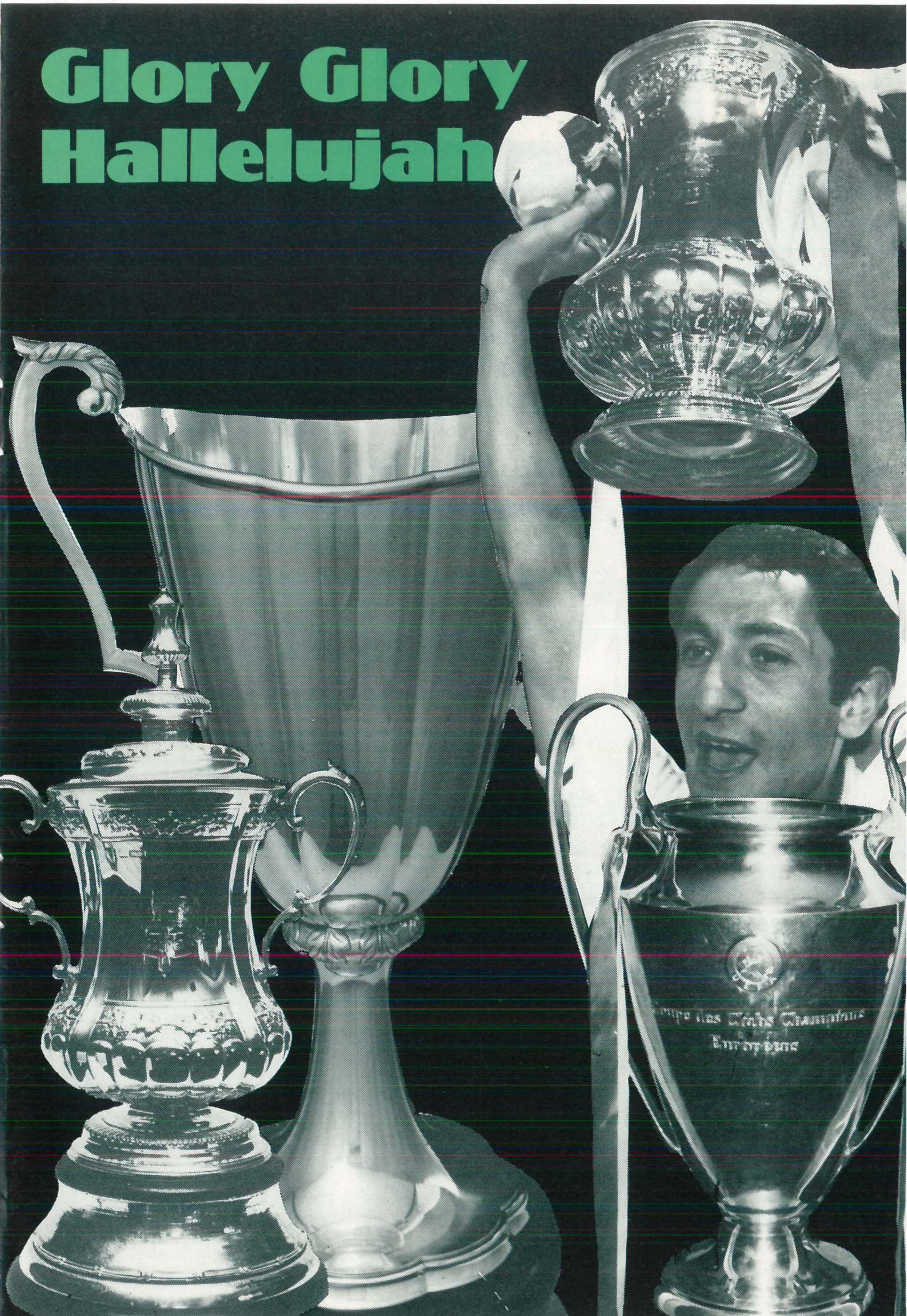
Paul playing in a midfield role last season clocked up 36 League appearances scoring just one goal.

This year Paul has switched to the centre of the defence alongside Kenny Clements and already looks like being a difficult partnership to crack.



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stolen from a shop
window.

It all began way back in 1871 when Gladstone and Disraeli were the leading political lights in Liberal mid-Victorian Britain. It was an age of class distinction; of the top-hat, the cloth cap and the old school tie; an age when industrial and social reform was beginning to take shape; when working hours were being governed and Saturday afternoons were to be free.

Football was in its infancy, poorly organised and lacking enterprise when seven club officials decided the game needed a fillip and on the 20th July 1871 they met in a small office of the Sportsman newspaper in London to discuss the matter.

It was to be a historic meeting of profound consequences although none could contemplate the repercussions of their deliberations at the time. For the seven wise men; Charles Alcock of the Wanderers, A. Stair from the Upton Park club, C. W. Stephenson of Westminster School, J. H. Gifford of the Civil Service club, D. Allport representing Crystal Palace, M. P. Betts of Harrow and Captain Marindin of the army there seemed no sense of occasion.

Eventually Charles Alcock who was also the Secretary of the F.A. from 1870 to 1895 launched his idea which had been inspired by a House knock-out competition he had participated in during his education at Harrow School. Alcock proposed: "It is desirable that a challenge cup should be established in connection with the Association, for which all clubs belonging to the Association should be invited to compete."

The idea received general approval and was later endorsed at a subsequent meeting held on October 16, 1871, when 15 clubs entered the first competition. Who could foresee then the birth of one of the greatest sporting events in the world!

COMPETITION

The Cup introduced competition to a sport which was purely friendly and such has been the magnetism of the ideal, that the Football Association now receive over 400 entries including those of Maidenhead and Great Marlow, the only two clubs to have entered all 100 Cup competitions.

March 16, 1872 . . . the day of the first Final. Two thousand people paid a shilling a head to watch the Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0, their first defeat in two years. The press of the day observed that "the excessive admission charge of one shilling had kept the attendance down."

Matthew Betts was the scorer of that historical goal, having played under a pseudonym because he was a member of Harrow Chequers, the club which had scratched against Wanderers in the first round.

Victory qualified Wanderers for the next year's Final and indeed this practice was to help the Wanderers dominate the competition in those formative years with five victories in seven years.

Another famous club to make its mark in those pioneering days was Blackburn Rovers. They completed a hat-trick of victories in consecutive finals from 1884 to 1886 and attracted 4,000 to their first Final against the Glasgow club Queens Park.

It was of course the golden age of the amateur in those early years although by the turn of the century the professional players were taking over. When that extraordinary character C. B. Fry; England footballer, Test cricketer, holder of the world long jump record and scholar, played for Southampton in the 1902 Final, he was one of only three amateurs taking the field.

He recalls: "I played for Southampton and we were top of the Southern League two years running and we got into the Final of the English Cup one year. That was really memorable.

"We were drawn against the Spurs and we played at Tottenham and we played at home, then we had to play again at Reading where the ground was marked out in blue, and we won in the last minute of extra-time.

"Then we beat Notts Forest in the semi-final and we played Sheffield United in the Final. We played them one Saturday and drew, we played them a fortnight after and drew. We played extra-time and they beat us by one goal. That was on the Saturday and on the Monday I played against Sussex for old W. G (Grace) and made 77." Yes it was all very sporting in those days.

So the famous Fry did not get his hands on the coveted F.A. Cup, although by then it was not the original trophy the teams were fighting for.

STOLEN

After Aston Villa had beaten W.B.A. 1-0 in the first all Midland final in 1895 — before 42,500 at the Crystal Palace — they carved their name indelibly into the history books by becoming the only club to win and lose the F.A. Cup in the same season.

This came about when they took the coveted trophy back to Birmingham and displayed it in the window of a local football and boot

OF THEM ALL

manufacturer. On the night of September 11, 1895, the Cup was stolen and despite the enducement of a £10 reward for its return, has never been seen again.

Aston Villa were fined £25 for losing the trophy and with the money the F.A. purchased a replacement cup which stayed in circulation until 1910.

It was then realised that the design of the cup had been duplicated in Manchester without consent and further that the F.A. were powerless to prevent it being circulated. So the F.A. Council decided a new trophy would have to be commissioned and they presented the existing cup to Lord Kinnaird in recognition of 21 years service as President of the Association.

The third cup — which is the one now held by Tottenham Hotspurs — was registered to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident and the pot itself cost 50 guineas.

WEMBLEY

The whole aspect of the F.A. Cup took on another meaning when in 1923 Wembley Stadium became the permanent stage for the Final which was to establish itself as the greatest showpiece in the game.

Alas the authorities in charge of the report did not realise just what pulling power their tournament had and completely underestimated the public's response. An estimated crowd of 200,000 forced their way into the new stadium to watch Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United do battle.

The flood of humanity spilled onto the pitch and while chaos reigned a young policeman on a white horse called Billy was to unwittingly become part of Cup history. With his horse he gradually cleared the playing area to enable the game to commence and Bolton went on to beat the Hammers 2-0.

The F.A. were not to be caught cold again. Since then the Final has always been an all ticket match with the attendance limited to 100,000.

What is it then that makes the Cup such a magical interlude to our season? No doubt the uncertainty of results has been one of the major

ingredients for success.

The sudden death atmosphere that has encouraged David to slay Goliath, the upstarts to overthrow the established. Yeovil, Peterborough United, York City, Bournemouth, Hereford, Norwich, Colchester, Leatherhead and Wimbledon are but some names who have tasted the sweet champagne of cup glory and the accompanying financial bonanza.

KEY

And perhaps here is the real key to why the Cup is held in such great esteem. For although all these clubs can claim success beyond their wildest dreams none of them have actually won the trophy.

It is the comparative success clubs can achieve without actually winning the tournament that makes the Cup such an attraction. Five clubs from the Third Division have reached the semi-final stage, Milwall in 1937, Port Vale in 1954 and 12 months later York City only went out after a replay as did Norwich against Luton Town in 1960. Ten years later it was the turn of Watford who lost to Chelsea at White Hart Lane.

Drama is probably the ideal word to sum up the moods of the Cup. The traumatic tensions of the competitors and their supporters exploding into joyous relief in an aura of triumph or sinking to the depth of despair in the face of defeat.

For Aston Villa — seven times winners — Blackburn Rovers, Tottenham and Newcastle United who have carried off the Cup six times, and five times winners Arsenal, and West Bromwich Albion, it represents a pinnacle of achievement. For the majority of clubs the thought of playing beneath the twin towers of Wembley in May remains but a distant dream. But who knows! One day one of the minnows from the Third or Fourth Division could surprise us all. Already this decade, highly fancied Leeds United and Manchester United have been shock losers in the final to Second Division opponents Sunderland and Southampton.

The mystery of the Cup will continue as long as there are competitors from different backgrounds and that is what it is all about.

Jubilation . . . as Tottenham embark on their celebration run after a thrilling win over Manchester City in last season's replayed final.



Europe Captures a Lucrative Market

Europe the Old World of football gave the game to the world but it is from South America that much has enriched the sport has come.

From touch play and technique to floodlighting, South America has led the way and it might surprise many to learn that European club competitions which are now an accepted part of our football season owe their origin to that continent across the Atlantic.

Long before FIFA had taken shape the South American's had founded an organisation comprising all their association's in order to organise and administer competitive tournaments between their countries. The potential of such an organisation was not quickly realised in Europe although France's top administrators had been thinking on those lines.

Indeed the idea of a competitive European tournament had been simmering for years but after much debate it was decided that it would be

impracticable to organise one for national teams on the lines of the South Americans. It was then that the notion of a club tournament came into being.

It sounded great, but even so hot air seemed more prevalent than decisive action. It was then that the editor of the French daily sports newspaper L'Equipe decided to take a hand, and his organisation invited the representatives from 18 major clubs to a meeting in Paris.

Sixteen turned up: Honved; Real Madrid; S.C. Anderlecht; Rapid Vienna; A.C., Milan; Hibernian; Partizan Belgrade; Sporting Lisbon; Djurgarden, from Stockholm; F.C. Saarbrücken; Servette; Hollands-Sports, from Amsterdam; Rot-Weiss; Stade Reims; K.B., Copenhagen and Chelsea from England.

The principles of a European club competition were agreed and it was decided that the first tournament would consist of the sixteen invited clubs but that subsequent competitions would be between the winners of their respective League Championships.

Ties would be played on a home and away basis to make them fairer and provide more revenue. Home clubs kept the gate receipts but were responsible for the visitors travel and accommodation expenses.

The French F.A. were notified and FIFA accepted the competition at an executive committee meeting on May 8, 1955 . . . the "Coupe des Clubs Champions Europeens", the European Champion Clubs Cup was born.

REAL CHAMPIONS

Alas Chelsea did not take their place in that first tournament. The English champions were advised by the Football League Management Committee to withdraw because domestic competitions were more important and they might find it difficult to cope with the extra games. The 'Blues' took the hint, but twelve

Time to celebrate as goal hero John Wark turns after scoring Town's second goal in Amsterdam against AZ '67 Alkmaar.



It's goal number three in the first leg of the UEFA Cup Final as Ipswich striker Paul Mariner flicks the ball past goalkeeper Treytel into the net.



months later the new English champions Manchester United rejected the League's suggestion, and no doubt impressed by Hibs run to the semi-final in the previous season, which netted the Scottish club a profit of £25,000, decided to enter Europe.

They proved a great attraction and thrashed Anderlecht 2-0 and 10-0 in the qualifying round. In the First Round Proper Borussia shocked United coming back from a three goal deficit to lose 3-2 in the first leg, but Busby's team held out for a 0-0 score in the second leg in Dortmund.

Bilbao were then despatched on a 6-5 aggregate as Manchester United sailed into the semi-final and the first of their titanic struggles with the European masters and holders of the Cup, Real Madrid. The Spanish won this one 3-1 at home and 2-2 in Manchester and then went on to retain their trophy in the final against Fiorentina.

There was no question, Real Madrid were an outstanding side going on to win the European Cup in five consecutive seasons and as it happens this pattern has emerged throughout the 25 years the tournament has been run.

REVOLUTION

In 1961 Benfica smashed the Spanish stranglehold by beating Barcelona 3-2 in the Final in Berne. And they repeated their performance the following year with a 5-3 victory over Real Madrid when the legendary Puskas netted a hat-trick for Madrid.

It was next the turn of the Italians with AC Milan taking the trophy in 1963 and Inter-Milan retaining it for the following two years. Real Madrid came back with a 2-1 win over Partizan Belgrade in the final of 1966 and then it was Britains turn.

Celtic took the honours in 1967 and the following year Matt Busby achieved his life's ambition with

United's thrilling 4-1 triumph over Benfica in extra time at Wembley. Two goals from Bobby Charlton, and one each from George Best and Brian Kidd sealed an emotional occasion and it seemed only right that United, the club that despite authority, had gone out to pioneer the European game should be the League's first holders of the European Cup.

Although AC Milan proved victorious in 1969, their opponents Ajax warned that a Dutch revolution was under way. Sure enough they took the Cup the next season through Feyenoord and Holland's emergence was further endorsed by a hat-trick of victories from Ajax between 1971-73.

The next three years were Germany's, with Beckenbauer, Hoeness and Roth stroking Bayern Munich to a triple crown of victories over Atletico Madrid, Leeds United and St. Etienne. But then Liverpool asserted themselves in 1977 to trigger off the domination of the English game, which has proved as emphatic as that five year sequence of Real Madrid's.

The Merseysiders held the European Cup in 1977 and '78 followed by Nottingham Forest 1979 and '80 and then last season Liverpool again. And how fitting that this latest triumph should be over the past masters Real Madrid!

The European Cup has been a resounding success and it is little wonder that the idea has been further developed with the introduction of the European Cup-Winners Cup in 1960-61 and the streamlining of the old Fairs Cup which was replaced by the now important UEFA Cup in 1971.

Just as the FA Cup was the forerunner of the Football League, the European Cup could eventually lead to a European Super League or even a world wide club tournament. At the present this is only conjecture but football has come a long way since 1872 despite the short sightedness of some administrators.

FAIRS CUP FINALS

(Aggregate Scores)

1958	Barcelona	8	London	2
1960	Barcelona	4	Birmingham City	1
1961	AS Roma	4	Birmingham City	2
1962	Valencia	7	Barcelona	3
1963	Valencia	4	Dynamo Zagreb	1
1964	Real Zaragoza	2	Valencia	1
1965	Ferencvaros	1	Juventus	0
1966	Barcelona	4	Real Zaragoza	3**
1967	Dynamo Zagreb	2	Leeds United	0
1968	Leeds United	1	Ferencvaros	0
1969	Newcastle United	6	Ujpest Dozsa	2
1970	Arsenal	4	Anderlecht	3
1971	Leeds United	3*	Juventus	3

UEFA CUP FINALS

1972	Tottenham Hotspur	3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2
1973	Liverpool	3	Borussia Munchengladbach	2
1974	Feyenoord	4	Tottenham Hotspur	2
1975	Borussia Munchengladbach	5	Twente Enschede	1
1976	Liverpool	4	FC Bruges	3
1977	Juventus	2	Athletico Bilbao	2+
1978	PSV Eindhoven	3	SEC Bastia	0
1979	Borussia Munchengladbach	1 1	Red Star Belgrade	1 0
1980	Borussia Munchengladbach	3 0	Eintracht Frankfurt	2 1
<i>(Eintracht won on away goals)</i>				
1981	Ipswich Town	3 0	AZ67 Alkmaar	2 4

EUROPEAN CUP FINALS

1956	Real Madrid	4	Stade de Rheims	3
1957	Real Madrid	2	Florentina	0
1958	Real Madrid	3	AC Milan	2**
1959	Real Madrid	2	Stade de Rheims	0
1960	Real Madrid	7	Eintracht Frankfurt	3
1961	SL Benfica	3	Barcelona	2
1962	SL Benfica	5	Real Madrid	3
1963	AC Milan	2	SL Benfica	1
1964	Inter Milan	3	Real Madrid	1
1965	Inter Milan	1	SL Benfica	0
1966	Real Madrid	2	Partizan Belgrade	1
1967	Celtic	2	Inter Milan	1
1968	Manchester United	4	SL Benfica	1
1969	AC Milan	4	Ajax Amsterdam	1
1970	Feyenoord	2	Celtic	1**
1971	Ajax Amsterdam	2	Panathinaikos	0
1972	Ajax Amsterdam	2	Inter Milan	0
1973	Ajax Amsterdam	1	Juventus	0
1974	Bayern Munich	1 4	Atletico Madrid	1 0
1975	Bayern Munich	2	Leeds United	0
1976	Bayern Munich	1	St Etienne (Fra)	0
1977	Liverpool	3	Borussia Munchengladbach	1
1978	Liverpool	1	FC Bruges	0
1979	Nottingham Forest	1	Malmoe	0
1980	Nottingham Forest	1	SV Hamburg	0
1981	Liverpool	1	Real Madrid	0

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP FINALS

1961	Florentina	4	Rangers	1+
1962	Atlético Madrid	3	Florentina	0
(After 1-1 draw)				
1963	Tottenham Hotspur	5	Atlético Madrid	1
1964	Sporting Lisbon	1	MTK Budapest	0
(After 3-3 draw)				
1965	West Ham United	2	Munich 1860	0
1966	Borussia Dortmund	2	Liverpool	1**
1967	Bayern Munich	1	Rangers	0**
1968	AC Milan	2	SV Hamburg	0
1969	Slovan Bratislava	3	Barcelona	2
1970	Manchester City	2	Gornik Zabrze	1
1971	Chelsea	2	Real Madrid	1
(After 1-1 draw)				
1972	Rangers	3	Dynamo Moscow	2
1973	AC Milan	1	Leeds United	0
1974	FC Magdeburg	2	AC Milan	0
1975	Dynamo Kiev	3	Ferencvaros	0
1976	RSC Anderlecht	4	West Ham United	2
1977	SV Hamburg	2	Anderlecht	0
1978	RSC Anderlecht	4	Austria Wien	0
1979	Barcelona	4	Fortuna Dusseldorf	3
1980	Valencia	0	Arsenal	0
(Valencia won on penalties)				
1981	Dinamo Tbilisi	2	Carl Zeiss Jena	1

THE LEAGUE CUP HAS COME OF AGE

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP was surely the ugly duckling of the professional game when it was first launched on an unresponsive public in 1960. Dismissed as a further incumbrance on an already cluttered programme by many of the more sophisticated clubs, whose eyes were turning towards the lucrative European circuit, the League Cup was virtually relegated to a second class status before it even began.

Certainly the media treated it with disdain even though in yet another of those periods of crisis that seem all too frequently to haunt the game, the idea had been conceived by the Football League Management Committee as a means to generate more liquid assets through the turnstiles, for its impoverished and hard-up clubs.

Alas many of the established bastions of the League's hierarchy felt that the closed-shop competition was designed more to help the minnows than themselves, but even so it is strange to relate that despite the opposition the clubs did agree by 31 votes to 15, to inaugurate the Football League Cup competition at their AGM in May 1960.

Prudently the organisers made entry optional and surprise surprise, only five clubs abstained from that inaugural competition. True within two years the entrants had decreased to 80 clubs but even so the majority were obviously gaining some recompence from the enterprise.

TAKEN-OFF

The format was quite simple with the first five rounds being played on a straight knock-out basis and the semi-final and final played over two legs home and away. It was perhaps the idea of playing those two final games over two legs which took the spice out of the League Cup . . . the magic of the sudden death game was sadly missing.

Then in 1966 the competition was revitalised when it was decided to move the final to a one off game at Wembley Stadium. The prospects of a Wembley final sparked off a flood of enthusiasm and the entries for the 1966-67 competition rose to 90. At last the Football League Cup had taken off.

Since then there have been several minor adjustments to the rules such as making the second round a two legged affair in order to give the smaller clubs a chance of two bites at the cherry and of course earn additional revenue. But the two major factors in making the League Cup one of the major domestic competitions it has now become, is the fact that the winners automatically qualify for a place in the UEFA Cup and the lucrative financial returns at the end of the rainbow.

Just see how the gate receipts have rocketed. In that first Wembley Final in 1967, a crowd of 97,952 paid £57,000 for the privilege of watching. By 1976 those returns were up to £299,601.16p to be precise and by

last season a full-house paid £603,000 to watch Liverpool draw with West Ham United . . . yes the Football League Cup is now a major source of income.

Although cash and the lure of a place in Europe undoubtedly secured the support of the major clubs and made the League Cup an essential ingredient to the season there is far more to it than that. It has quite clearly developed its own tradition. The League Cup is about people and clubs no matter what their status.

If you really want to send the adrenalin pumping then what better way than seeing David slay Goliath and the Football League Cup has certainly provided its fair share of upsets in this direction. Right from the kick-off in that very first round in the autumn of 1960 when Colchester thrashed Newcastle United 4-1, Darlington beat Crystal Palace 2-0 and Ipswich Town lost at home to Barnsley 0-2, the little clubs have made the headlines and basked in the glory and unlike the F.A. Cup, they have managed to go all the way.

Unfashionable Rotherham United reached the Final in that first season and took a 2-0 lead over Aston Villa in the first leg, through Webster and Kirkman before 12,226 jubilant fans at Millmoor. However Villa stormed back before their own fans (27,000 of them) and goals from O'Neill, Burrows and McParland secured a 3-2 aggregate win and so Aston Villa became the first holders of the new trophy.

The cause of the minnows was further boosted the following season when Rochdale became the only Fourth Division side to reach the final of a major competition. They lost 4-0 on aggregate to Norwich City who were then in the Second Division, but although the memories of that glorious achievement will slowly fade with time, the record of Rochdale's final will never be erased.

FIRSTS

Even the prospect of playing at Wembley could not keep the upstarts down. In that first final in the famous old stadium W.B.A., seemingly had an easy test against Third Division Queens Park Rangers who had made history by becoming the first Third Division club to reach a major final.

It was real Roy of the Rovers stuff with Albion cruising comfortably into a two-nil lead. With only fifteen minutes left all looked lost for the Londoners until the flamboyant and at times miraculous Rodney Marsh took over and ripped the Throstles apart. Amazingly Rangers pulled back the deficit through Morgan and Marsh and then clinched victory with a third goal from Mark Lazarus in what must be one of the most exhilarating finale's to any final. Q.P.R. had become the first Third Division side to win a Wembley final.

No sooner had the euphoria of that magnificent triumph died down before the feat was being repeated. It was 1969 and the mighty Arsenal fresh from their



Excitement breaks out at Wembley as the ball goes in the net to give Swindon their first goal, scored by Smart in the Football League Cup Final against Arsenal

semi-final victory over rivals Spurs, were set to meet little Swindon Town.

The result seemed a foregone conclusion as the 'Gunners' firing on all cylinders pounded the Swindon goal in the opening 20 minutes but they could not beat the defiant Peter Downsborough.

In the 34th minute Roger Smart made the most of a defensive mix-up in the Arsenal area and Swindon were in front. It was a lead they were to hold until four minutes from time when Bobby Gould gratefully slipped in the equaliser to force extra time.

GREATEST HOUR

Arsenal who had been struck by flu the week prior wilted on what must have been one of the heaviest and worst prepared Wembley pitches ever. Their strength sapped by the atrocious conditions they offered no further resistance when Don Rogers finished a long run to shoot past Bob Wilson on the stroke of half-time. Rogers added a second to seal a formidable 3-1 scoreline over one of the most famous clubs in the world.

Swindon Town had experienced their greatest hour and secured their first trophy since winning the Southern League in 1911. "Summat out of the ordinary," is the way their then manager Danny Williams described it.

But then success in the Football League Cup has proved to be the right of the underdog. In 1971 another Third Division club made the final in the shape of Aston Villa. They lost 2-0 to Tottenham Hotspurs but were back again in 1975 — this time as a Second Division club — to play Norwich City.

And then in the 1979-80 series Swindon Town nearly did it again losing just 4-3 on aggregate to Wolves in the semi-final. The League Cup has undoubtedly shared the glory around the more unfashionable corners of the League.

Who will forget that magnificent footballing final of 1972 when Stoke City thrilled us all and overcame Chelsea to win their first major title since their inception in 1863. It was a personal triumph for one of the master craftsmen of the game George Eastham, who scored the winning goal.

Then there was the memorable Dennis Tuert goal when he fired the ball over his head to clinch victory for Manchester City over Newcastle in 1976 and the titanic struggle between Nottingham Forest and Southampton in 1979 when Forest became the first side to retain the trophy by defeating the Saints 3-2.

All great football. And then last season the 21st League Cup Final provided a spectacular replay between Liverpool and West Ham United, Liverpool eventually clinching the Cup that has eluded them for so long . . . The Football League Cup had come of age.

The Greatest Show On Earth

THE WORLD CUP a colourful extravaganza of football knock-out system, and they finished a point behind prized trophy in international football, has come a long long way since 1930. Then 13 countries contested the first series in Uruguay to fulfil the original aims of FIFA the world governing body.

And next summer in Spain 24 finalists will participate in the biggest footballing circus this century as the 12th World Soccer Championship series reaches its climax.

The competition itself is a mixture of the ideals of League and Cup. The teams being grouped into mini-leagues to first determine the lucky finalists and then to determine the last four in the Final series when the later stages are played on a straight knock-out system.

It had taken many years of discussion and deliberation before that first competition was eventually arranged and the final principles on which that first World Cup tournament would be run, were not formulated until the Congress meeting in Barcelona in May 1929.

At the time Italy, the Netherlands, Hungary, Sweden and Uruguay were all eager to stage the inaugural festivities. But when it was proposed that the organising national F.A. would be responsible for the transport and accommodation expenses of referees, members of the organising committee (FIFA) and the competing teams, their eagerness somewhat waned.

The financial implications of supporting all those people for up to ten weeks — for remember the contestants all had to travel by sea — was somewhat foreboding and in the end Uruguay the Olympic soccer champions of 1924 and 1928 were vested with the responsibility.

Although the entire financial burden was borne by the South American's the prospect of making such a long and hazardous journey frightened off even some of Europe's most ardent protagonists for the tournament, and in the clear light of day just Belgium, France, Rumania and Yugoslavia remained to make the trip to Montevideo. They were joined by Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, the U.S.A., and of course Uruguay the home nation which went on to win the competition, defeating Argentina in the final 4-2.

Despite the trepidation, that first series turned out successfully with four gates over the official maximum of 80,000. In every respect it had been a striking victory for the pioneers and those European contestants returned home with healthy bank balances.

Thirty-two nations entered the next tournament which was hosted by Italy, and a preliminary qualifying tournament was introduced. Although such countries as Haiti, Cuba, Egypt, Palestine, Estonia and Lithuania participated only Ireland represented the home countries and they were eliminated from the qualifying group by the Netherlands and Belgium.

UNEXPLAINABLE

Indeed the English F.A. took a singularly insular attitude towards the World Cup tournament and shunned it completely until

Only six countries have won the World Cup: Brazil three times, Italy, Uruguay and West Germany twice each and England and Argentina.

WORLD CUP FINALS 1930-78

Date	venue	winners	runners-up
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay 4	Argentina 2
1934	Italy	Italy 2	Czechoslovakia 1
1938	France	Italy 4	Hungary 2
*1950	Brazil	Uruguay	Brazil
1954	Switzerland	W. Germany 3	Hungary 2
1962	Chile	Brazil 3	Czechoslovakia 1
+ 1966	England	England 4	W. Germany 2
1970	Mexico	Brazil 4	Italy 1
1974	W. Germany	W. Germany 2	Holland 1
+ 1978	Argentina	Argentina 3	Holland 1

* Tournament concluded on a league basis — no final game
+ After extra-time

1950 when they agreed to enter the fourth tournament in Brazil.

However we were soon cut down to size not as might have been feared by one of the South American powers but by the U.S.A. England had started with an uninspired 2-0 win over Chile and then travelled north to Belo Horizonte to meet the Americans. What transpired remains unexplainable, for England fielding such great names as Bert Williams, Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright, Tom Finney, Mannion, Mortensen and Mullen were humiliated by a hot-potch American side which went on to win 1-0.

England's entry into the World Cup had proved disastrous. We did reach the quarter-final stages in 1954 and 1962 but it wasn't until the tournament was staged in England in 1966 that we made any real impression on the world game. Then of course Alf Ramsey led England to victory and four years later made a very good attempt to retain the trophy in the rarefied atmosphere of Mexico.

But it is to South America where you have to look for the real success story and to Brazil a country of seemingly unlimited natural resources. Surprisingly they failed to capitalise on home advantage in 1950, when a final pool was introduced to replace the knock-out system, and they finished a point behind Uruguay. However since their emergence as a super power in 1958, the Brazilians have remained a dominant figure in world football winning the World Cup on three occasions in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

Football is a universal language and the plain fact that FIFA has more member countries — 145 — than the United Nations gives credence to the belief that the international game plays a major role in helping to maintain world peace. Competition of the calibre of the World Cup helps unite nations for football is a game which ignores race, religion and politics and as long as it can remain above such matters the World Cup will continue to be the greatest show on earth.



SECOND DIVISION ROUND~UP

with Alan Hardy

This season sees the Football League Cup competition starting its 22nd year. It was first formed in 1960-61 when some clubs were not too keen on entering the competition and in fact Arsenal, Spurs, Sheffield Wednesday, West Bromwich Albion and Wolves did not take part in that first season of the competition. The first final was played over two legs between 2nd Division Rotherham United and 1st Division Aston Villa. Villa winning the Cup 3-2 on aggregate.

The final continued to be over two legs up until season 1966-67 when it was taken to Wembley and it took 5 years before the League Cup Final attracted a full house of 100,000 when Aston Villa lost 2-0 to Tottenham.

Athletic have not had much success in the League Cup, in fact we have never progressed further than the third round

and have not won a League Cup tie since September 1977 when we beat Brighton 2-1 after two replays. Due to last seasons League position Athletic have to start in the 1st round of the League Cup for the first time since September 1976.

But who is going to make the headlines after the 2nd leg matches of the 1st round have been completed this week.

Fourth Division neighbours Wigan and Stockport go into the second leg this week with Wigan holding a 3-0 advantage. Bury and Carlisle shared six goals while Rochdale were on the wrong end of a 3-1 score-line at Huddersfield.

Struggling Tranmere lead Burnley 4-2 and Tommy Docherty's Preston have a one goal lead over Halifax. 2nd Division newcomers Rotherham and Barnsley both scored three goals away from home.

Rotherham winning 3-1 at Darlington and Barnsley 3-2 at Peterborough.

The headline grabbers of the first leg however, were Chester and not because of their result. Their game against Plymouth had to be abandoned 12 minutes from time when one of the goals collapsed. Chester keeper Grenville Millington diving to save a header, collided with a post which collapsed. Efforts to rebuild the goal failed and the game was abandoned with the score 2-2. The game was due to be replayed last week.

Attendances in the first leg games were overall disappointing with the Huddersfield-Rochdale game attracting the largest "gate" 6,713 and the Northampton-Hartlepool game the lowest 1,480.

There were a total of 77 goals scored in the 28 games played.

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Heard the one about a world class goalkeeper playing for Crewe Reserves?

I certainly thought it was a joke when Crewe's former manager, Tony Waddington made that claim 18 months ago.

The man he was referring to, and predicting a great future for, was Bruce Crobbelaar, whose wonderful ability is destined to become a spectacular feature of Liverpool's season.

Back in 1979, Bruce, who comes from Zimbabwe, couldn't obtain a work permit in this country. Consequently he was forced to play as an amateur for Crewe Reserves.

From there he went to play for Vancouver Whitecaps in the N.A.S.L. and onto Liverpool where he succeeded Ray Clemence at the beginning of the season. "He's more of a Shilton than a Clemence" says

Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager. "He's a tremendous athlete, slightly unconventional in style, but a great prospect nonetheless. I underline the word prospect because he's not in Clemence's class yet. That only comes with experience".

Grobbelaar's outgoing personality has made him a great favourite with all his new colleagues. And it's added a new edge to shooting practice down at Liverpool's training ground, Melwood. "He's so keen," says Paisley, "They all want to put the ball past him in training. The atmosphere is just like a match itself. And I'm not complaining", he added with an understandable grin. But, according to Paisley, his enthusiasm does have its drawbacks. "Every now and again Bruce does something right out of the ordinary, like a somersault. And that's not a good thing for someone who plays in his position. It breaks the concentration which is so important for goalkeepers".

Another player destined to make quite a name for himself this season is Burnley's young defender, Michael Phelan. Preston's assistant manager, Ken Shellitto, was quick to point out the lad's potential recently. Granada's sports team were told two years ago when Phelan signed professional forms and we've been monitoring his progress ever since. You'll see the results shortly in a fascinating film about two rising stars. The other is Oldham's Darren McDonough.

Pointing out Burnley's long tradition of producing home-grown players is

one of the ways chief scout Gordon Clayton persuades talented youngsters to join the Turf Moor Club. And according to Clayton, there's no shortage of prospects at the moment. Asked to name one he came up with the name of Trevor Steven. One for the future at Burnley who might come into the reckoning for first team consideration this season.

What a world of difference exists at present between the top and bottom of the Football League. Among the elite money is changing hands irresponsibly and if persistent rumour is to be believed, at times illegally. I won't name names because reliable information is one thing, documented proof another. But make no mistake, football has its mercenaries and one day, hopefully soon, their corruptive practices will be exposed.

At the other end of the financial scale are clubs like Tranmere Rovers. They are in a desperate state. Commendably, though, all concerned are pulling together and fighting to survive. Every penny has to be accounted for; corners are cut wherever possible and discussions about future policies have already included a suggestion that part-time football could be the answer. Watching games at Prenton Park these days is a strange experience. Three sides of the ground have been closed down. Consequently, all the supporters (about 1,500 on average) are situated in and below the main stand.

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Sports Hall News

As we stated in our previous programmes the new Sports Hall complex is well on schedule for completion, and full details will be given in this column during the coming weeks of how to become a member and how to book the hall whether for five-a-side football, badminton, netball or whatever.

The appointment of a Sports Hall Manager will be made shortly well in time for the official opening of the complex sometime in mid-November.

Boundary Park

with Mike Twiss - Editor



Such measures would not have been necessary had the club been allowed to sell its car park for the development of a supermarket. When those plans were rejected by the local council near the end of last season, liquidation seemed impossible to avoid.

People on Merseyside, though, don't give up that easily. Mind you, it helps if the bank manager is sympathetic.

North Wales referee, Gwyn Owen, spent an interesting summer in the United States. Gwyn refereed 18 North American League games in six weeks, during which time he came across some familiar names.

One who really impressed him was George Best. "He seems to have lost none of his appetite for the game" said Gwyn, confirming that the super-skill goal from Best which we showed on Kick Off at the start of the season was no exception.

Gwyn saw that goal on television, a magnificent solo tease of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers defence ending with Best netting for San Jose Earthquakes. "It was typical of the lad's skill" praised Gwyn. "But George is still not averse to saying the odd word out of place to referees. He called me a right so-and-so during the game I refereed - and got booked".

And we keep saying some things never change!

AGENTS REQUIRED TO SELL LATICS LOTTERY TICKETS

Money raised from the Club's Moonraker Lotteries continues to be the life blood of the Club and to that end we are always on the lookout for additional Agents from the ranks of our supporters.

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PROGRAMME

MARKET

Just a reminder to all programme collectors that Jim Kirton at the Programme Market, which is situated at the corner of the Rochdale Road end of the ground, is now the Official Agent and Distributor of all Latics surplus programmes from home and away matches. The shop is open on all match days and during the week Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

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Sept. 1	Bolton Wanderers FLC 1	A L1-2	5156	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	McDonough	Futcher	Wylde	Atkinson	Steel	Palmer	Heaton	Nuttall
Sept. 5	Watford	A D1-1	9018	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Wylde+	Atkinson	Steel	Palmer	Heaton	McDonough
Sept. 12	Shrewsbury Town	H D1-1	3994	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Ryan	Keegan	Clements	Futcher	Heaton+	Atkinson	Steel	Palmer	McDonough	Nuttall
Sept. 15	Bolton Wanderers FLC 1 (2L)	H													
Sept. 19	Bolton Wanderers	A													
Sept. 22	Queens Park Rangers	H													
Sept. 26	Cambridge United	H													
Oct. 3	Norwich City	A													
Oct. 7	League Cup 2 (1L)														
Oct. 10	Luton Town	H													
Oct. 17	Rotherham United	A													
Oct. 20	Charlton Athletic	A													
Oct. 24	Sheffield Wednesday	A													
Oct. 28	League Cup 2 (2L)														
Oct. 31	Newcastle United	H													
Nov. 7	Barnsley	A													
Nov. 11	League Cup 3														
Nov. 14	Chelsea	H													
Nov. 21	Crystal Palace (1)	H													
Nov. 24	Queens Park Rangers	A													
Nov. 28	Wrexham	A													
Dec. 2	League Cup 4														
Dec. 5	Grimsby Town	H													
Dec. 12	Derby County (2)	A													
Dec. 19	Orient	H													
Dec. 26	Blackburn Rovers	A													
Dec. 28	Leicester City	H													
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Jan. 2	F.A. Cup 3														
Jan. 9	Watford	H													
Jan. 13	League Cup 5														
Jan. 16	Cardiff City	A													
Jan. 23	F.A. Cup 4														
Jan. 30	Bolton Wanderers	H													
Feb. 3	League Cup SF 1														
Feb. 6	Shrewsbury Town	A													
Feb. 10	League Cup SF 2														
Feb. 13	Norwich City (5)	H													
Feb. 20	Cambridge United	A													
Feb. 27	Luton Town	A													
Mar. 6	Rotherham United (6)	H													
Mar. 13	Sheffield W. (LCF)	H													
Mar. 20	Newcastle United	A													
Mar. 27	Barnsley	H													
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April 10	Blackburn Rovers	H													
April 12	Leicester City	A													
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April 17	Crystal Palace	A													
April 24	Wrexham	H													
May 1	Grimsby Town	A													
May 4	Charlton Athletic	H													
May 8	Derby County	H													
May 15	Orient	H													
May 22	F.A. Cup Final	A													

HOME FIXTURES IN CAPITALS • Latics score first • Name in CAPITALS — Scorer • 'Figure — No. of Goals • + Denotes substituted player • *Own Goal

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Barnsley	4	1	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	4	2	7
Watford	4	2	0	0	7	0	0	1	1	1	1	7
Leicester	4	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	4	1	7
Norwich	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	3	5	7
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Chelsea	4	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	4	3	6
Crystal Pal	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	2	1	6
Blackburn	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	6
Derby Co	4	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	6
Rotherham	4	1	0	1	4	3	1	0	1	3	5	6
Shrewsbury	4	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	0	5	6
Cambridge	4	1	0	1	5	3	0	1	1	1	5	4
Oldham	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	2	1	3	3
Orient	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	3
Charlton	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Newcastle	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	3
Cardiff	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	3
Wrexham	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Bolton	3	0	0	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	1	0

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE 1

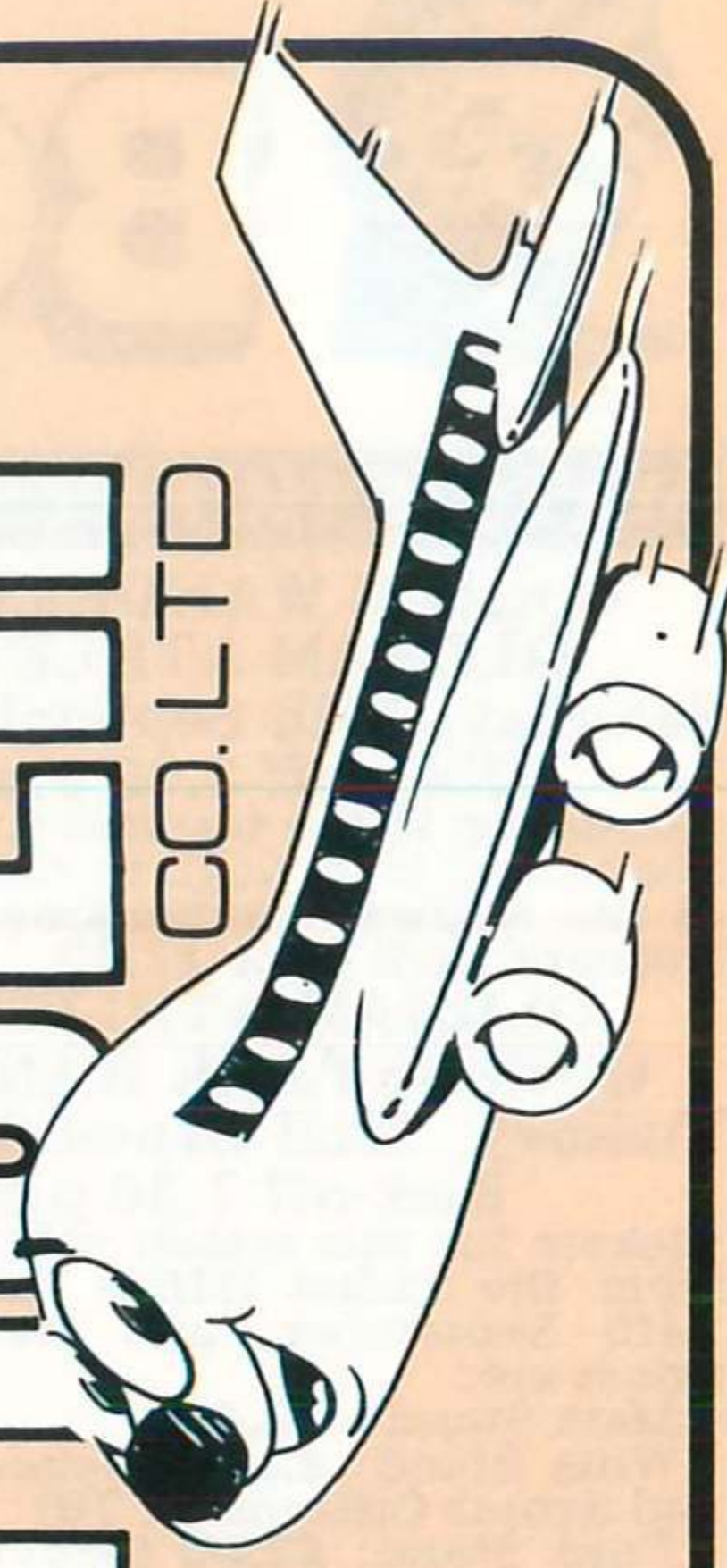
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BOUNDARY PARK

MATCH TICKET NEWS

**BOLTON WANDERERS v
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Saturday, 19th September 1981
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Admission to the terraces for Oldham Supporters is through turnstiles 1 — 6 at the Railway Embankment end of Burnden Park price £1.50.

**OLDHAM ATHLETIC v
QUEENS PARK RANGERS**

Tuesday, 22nd September 1981
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Tickets for this match will be on sale from the Ticket Office on Monday, 14th September, and stand ticket prices are:

Main Stand: £3.40
Wing Stand: £2.60 (Schoolchildren and Senior Citizens £1.70)
Ford Stand: £2.80 (Schoolchildren £1.40)

For further information on Office opening times and availability of tickets, please ring 061-624 4972 (24 hour service).

FOOTBALL AT BOUNDARY PARK

Saturday, September 19th 1981
ATHLETIC RES. v BOLTON W. 'A'
Lancashire League Division One
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22nd 1981
ATHLETIC v Q.P.R.
Football League Division Two
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26th 1981
ATHLETIC v CAMBRIDGE U.
Football League Division Two
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, October 3rd 1981
ATHLETIC RES. v WIGAN A. RES.
Lancashire League Division One
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

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Norwich City Football ground is in Carrow Road. Entering Norwich via Dereham Road, the A47, turn right at the roundabout at Guardian Road (Norwich Ring Road) and follow the Ring Road round the city to Bracondale, bear next right into King Street and right again into Carrow Road. Car parking in Norwich City centre on Saturdays can be very difficult and you are advised to use the car parks near the ground. They are well signposted.

JUNIOR LATICES NEWS

Just a reminder to all Junior Latics Club Members that you are automatically part of the Oldham Athletic Supporters Association and that your present membership lasts until the end of this year so there is no need to come down to Boundary Park to renew your membership until the end of December.

LATICES SHOP

The new items now on sale at the Latics Shop are "Kicked into Touch", the paperback version of Fred Eyre's amusing story of his footballing career as a player and as coach. Costing £1.95.

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RADIO LATICS with PEBBLES



Once again welcome to Boundary Park.

If you have obtained a copy of the Shrewsbury Programme you will have send the competition about our signature tune "Lapland". Hurry and write in giving us the artist and the "A" side of the record (D.J's need not enter).

LOTS OF LATICS GOODIES are prizes for the first two correct answers. Get your entries into me (Pebbles) at the Office NOW!

From the same programme we have received the first venue for the RADIO LATICS ROADSHOW, it will be held at the Tommyfield Pub with Chris Berten and of course, ME!

The date for the show will be announced later. Any other club, pub or organisation wishing to take advantage of this super free show, give the Commercial Office a ring on 061-652 0966.

Don't forget those entries.

PEBBLES

STRINESDALE PARENTS AND CHILDREN VISIT BOUNDARY PARK



Last week the Strinesdale Tenants Association organised a visit to Boundary Park to show the children around the ground.

The kids had a guided tour of the Boardroom, Offices, Directors Box, Dressing Rooms etc. and the highlight of the visit was when assistant manager, Bill Taylor presented them with wall hanging Fixture Lists.

Our photographs show the group including parents Mr. Chris Nixon and Mr. Ken Shorrocks along with Bill Taylor with the children proudly displaying their Fixture charts and secondly, Bill Taylor signing autographs with a group of the children.



200 CLUB NEWS

Last Saturday saw the September draw for the 200 Club take place in the V.P. Lounge prior to the game against Shrewsbury.

The First Prize of £160.00 No. 130 was won by: Mr. B. Shelbourne, 52 Lawn Closes, Oldham.

Second Prize of £80.00 No. 2 was won by Mr. M.N. Bradley, 14 Dearden Fold, Edenfield, Ramsbottom.

And the Third Prize of £40.00 No. 176 was won by A. Kane, 212 Copsterhill Road, Oldham.

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RESERVES and 'A' TEAM NEWS



Neil Swindells finds space well down the right flank and prepares to get his cross in.



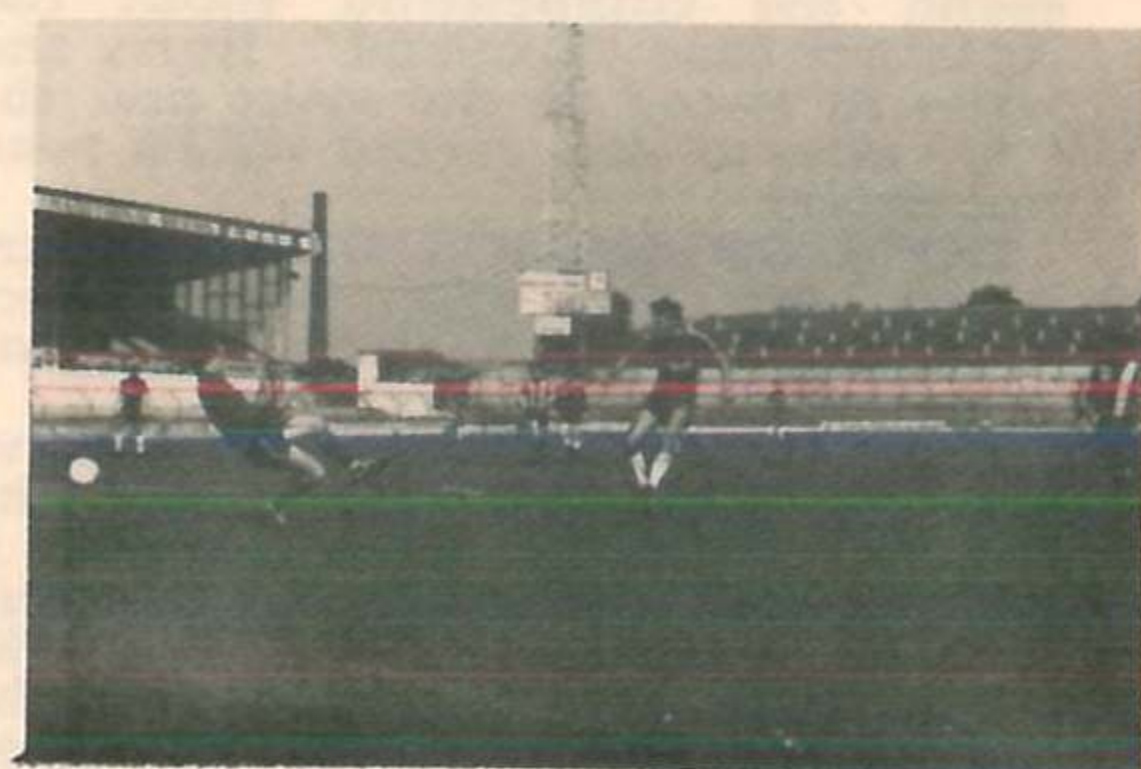
John Humphries a naturally gifted winger prepares to take on his fullback before getting in yet another quality cross.



with Billy Urmson



Doug Anderson picking up the ball in midfield and preparing to launch another attack on the opponents goal.



John Dowie taking his chance well and slotting the ball past the Rochdale keeper for the Reserves only goal of the match.



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by Graeme Hollinshead

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It is vital that young players learn to master this technique in order to become a valuable member of a team. Youngsters must learn to pass the ball accurately over short distances on the ground before they can progress to other passing techniques.

Effective passing means simplicity and accuracy — doing the simple thing well. It stands to reason, therefore, that passes over short distances are more accurate and therefore more effective for young players.

In the photograph Latics captain Ged Keegan superbly illustrates the correct technique.

Notice the following important points.

1. THE KICKING FOOT

The foot is turned outwards so that the side of the boot makes contact with the middle of the ball. It is important that the ankle is held firm throughout contact and the ball is struck firmly in the middle.

Once the ball has been struck the foot should follow through in the direction of the pass.

Notice that the foot is held at right angles to the line of the intended pass.



2. THE NON KICKING FOOT

Ged's left foot has landed to the side and slightly behind the ball to allow his kicking foot a free swing at the ball.

3. His eyes are firmly fixed on the

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4. The arms are held at the side enabling the player to be in a perfectly balanced position.

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TEAM CHECK



ATHLETIC

Team Changes

1. PETER McDONNELL
2. GARY HOOLICKIN
3. JOHN RYAN
4. GED KEEGAN
5. KENNY CLEMENTS
6. PAUL FUTCHER
7. PAUL HEATON
8. DARREN McDONOUGH
9. JIM STEEL
10. ROGER PALMER
11. PAUL ATKINSON
12. T.B.A.

BOLTON WANDERERS

Team Changes

1. JIM McDONAGH
2. PETER NICHOLSON
3. MIKE BENNETT
4. GERRY McELHINNEY
5. PAUL JONES
6. ALAN GOWLING
7. JOHN THOMAS
8. BRIAN KIDD
9. DAVE HOGGAN
10. LEN CANTELLO
11. PETER REID
12. CHRIS THOMPSON

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